

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Official Communication, the following items were required: (1) any documentation known to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103 with respect to the invention as defined by the independent claims and a discussion of relevant passages with respect to the claims; (2) identification of all independent claim limitations (claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 16 and 22) corresponding to prior art elements in the background documentation; (3) identification of all present independent claim limitations corresponding to prior art elements in the IDS documentation filed October 25, 2005 and August 26, 2003; (4) All claim language that does not have antecedent basis in the descriptive portion of the specification; (5) for claim language added to any present claim on amendment and any new claim, identify support for each claim limitation (including structural and functional language linking claim elements, e.g. coupled to, responsive to) by specifically pointing to page(s) and line no(s) in the specification and/or drawing figure(s) and the corresponding limitation; (6) in the event the foreign priority application is needed to support any claim limitation, applicant must identify such limitations and corresponding translated English language text in the priority application and in the event documentation is incorporated by reference and is relied upon for supporting claim limitations, identification of such supporting text and limitations.

In response to the requests in the outstanding Official Communication, Applicants respectfully submit that the documentation required to be submitted is unknown and/or is not readily available to the party or parties from which it was requested.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> see M.P.E.P. §704.12(b).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that a complete reply to the 37 C.F.R. §1.105 requirement has been submitted and that Applicants are in complete compliance with the requirement.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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